



## Complete Summary

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### TITLE

Heart failure: the practice can produce a register of patients with heart failure.

### SOURCE(S)

British Medical Association (BMA) and NHS Employers. Quality and outcomes framework guidance for GMS contract 2009/10. London (UK): British Medical Association, National Health Service Confederation; 2009 Mar. 162 p.

## Measure Domain

### PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Structure

The validity of measures depends on how they are built. By examining the key building blocks of a measure, you can assess its validity for your purpose. For more information, visit the [Measure Validity](#) page.

### SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Does not apply to this measure

## Brief Abstract

### DESCRIPTION

This measure is used to assess whether a practice can produce a register of patients with heart failure.

### RATIONALE

Heart failure represents the only major cardiovascular disease with increasing prevalence and is responsible for dramatic impairment of quality of life, carries a poor prognosis for patients, and is very costly for the National Health Service (NHS) to treat (second only to stroke). This measure is one of four [Heart Failure](#) measures\*.

\*From April 2006, all patients with heart failure should be included in the register.

### PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Heart failure; patient registry

#### **DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION**

This measure applies to practices whose patient population includes individuals with a diagnosis of heart failure (one practice at a time).

#### **NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION**

The practice can produce a register of patients with heart failure

### **Evidence Supporting the Measure**

#### **EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CRITERION OF QUALITY**

- A formal consensus procedure involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, and organizational sciences

### **Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure**

#### **NEED FOR THE MEASURE**

Unspecified

### **State of Use of the Measure**

#### **STATE OF USE**

Current routine use

#### **CURRENT USE**

Internal quality improvement  
National reporting  
Pay-for-performance

### **Application of Measure in its Current Use**

#### **CARE SETTING**

Physician Group Practices/Clinics

#### **PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE**

Physicians

#### **LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED**

Group Clinical Practices

**TARGET POPULATION AGE**

Does not apply to this measure

**TARGET POPULATION GENDER**

Does not apply to this measure

**STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Does not apply to this measure

**Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component**

**INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE**

Unspecified

**ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Unspecified

**BURDEN OF ILLNESS**

See the "Rationale" field.

**UTILIZATION**

Unspecified

**COSTS**

See the "Rationale" field.

**Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories**

**IOM CARE NEED**

Not within an IOM Care Need

**IOM DOMAIN**

Not within an IOM Domain

**CASE FINDING**

Does not apply to this measure

**DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME**

Does not apply to this measure

**DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS**

**Inclusions**

This measure applies to practices whose patient population includes individuals with a diagnosis of heart failure (one practice at a time).

**Exclusions**

Unspecified

**RELATIONSHIP OF DENOMINATOR TO NUMERATOR**

Does not apply to this measure

**DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT**

Does not apply to this measure

**DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW**

Does not apply to this measure

**NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS**

**Inclusions**

The practice can produce a register of patients with heart failure

**Exclusions**

Unspecified

**MEASURE RESULTS UNDER CONTROL OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR POLICYMAKERS**

The measure results are somewhat or substantially under the control of the health care professionals, organizations and/or policymakers to whom the measure applies.

**NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW**

Encounter or point in time

**DATA SOURCE**

Registry data

**LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY**

Does not apply to this measure

**PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED**

Unspecified

**Computation of the Measure****SCORING**

Categorical Variable

**INTERPRETATION OF SCORE**

Passing score defines better quality

**ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS**

Does not apply to this measure

**STANDARD OF COMPARISON**

External comparison at a point in time  
Internal time comparison

**Evaluation of Measure Properties****EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING**

Unspecified

**Identifying Information****ORIGINAL TITLE**

HF 1. The practice can produce a register of patients with heart failure.

**MEASURE COLLECTION**

[Quality and Outcomes Framework Indicators](#)

**MEASURE SET NAME**

## [Heart Failure](#)

### **DEVELOPER**

British Medical Association  
National Health Service (NHS) Confederation

### **FUNDING SOURCE(S)**

The expert panel who developed the indicators were funded by the English Department of Health.

### **COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP THAT DEVELOPED THE MEASURE**

The main indicator development group is based in the National Primary Care Research and Development Centre in the University of Manchester. They are: Professor Helen Lester, NPCRDC, MB, BCH, MD; Dr. Stephen Campbell, NPCRDC, PhD; Dr. Umesh Chauhan, NPCRDC, MB, BS, PhD.

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### **FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES/OTHER POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None for the main indicator development group.

### **ENDORSER**

National Health Service (NHS)

### **ADAPTATION**

Measure was not adapted from another source.

### **RELEASE DATE**

2004 Apr

### **REVISION DATE**

2009 Mar

### **MEASURE STATUS**

This is the current release of the measure.

This measure updates a previous version: British Medical Association (BMA), and NHS Employers. Quality and outcomes framework guidance for GMS contract 2008/09. London (UK): British Medical Association, National Health Service Confederation; 2008 Apr. 148 p.

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## **MEASURE AVAILABILITY**

The individual measure, "HF 1. The Practice Can Produce a Register of Patients with Heart Failure," is published in the "Quality and Outcomes Framework Guidance." This document is available from the [British Medical Association Web site](#).

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